persons. There are special employment schemes both for educated, un-educated and also for unskilled persons In fact we have the money but there is no tempo. The present day youths want only salaried jobs but not other type of work According to theself-employ ment, it canonly improve the national economy. No Government can givesalaried employment to un-educated.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Now question how is over.

[Question for Answser on the Dr. (but not taken up)]

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS BY P.W.D. IN DEODURG TALUK

742. SRI A. SHARANAPPA (Deodurg).—

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number and length of roads maintained by the P WD in Deodurg Taluk ;

(*b*) the length of roads taken over by the P. W.D.—

1. Under Rural Communication Programme.

2. Under Famine Relief Works ;

(*c*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that road facilities in Deodurg Taluk are too inadequate compared to other parts of the State ;

(*d*) if so, which are the roads that will be taken over by the P.W.D. in the year 1974 for repair and maintenance ?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) 8 Numbers of roads with a total length of 175.0 K.M.

(*b*) There are 56 K.M. length of Rural Communication roads existing.

1. As per G. O. No. PWD 127 CRM 72 dated 31st August 19 2 a length of 73.20 K.M. is included in the I.C.R.C. Programme as a new formation, out of which about 65 K.M. of road has been formed under the above programme.

2. A length of 393.2 K.M. of road is formed under 64 Famine relief works.

(*c*) A length of the road in Deodurg Taluk works out to 0.17 km/sq. K.M. which is less than State average of 0.41 K.M. per square K.M. area.

(SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA)

(*d*) The question of taking over the roads to P.W.D as State Fund roads for repairs and maintenance will be considered at the appropriate time.

2-00 p.m.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(*i*) *N: Closure of Mysore Chemicals and Fertilizer Ltd., Belgola*

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA (Sagar).—I call the attention of the Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs to the closure of Mysore Chemicals and Fertilizer Limited, Belgola.

SRI S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Parliamentry Affairs).—I State as follows.

I presume the honourable member is referring to Mysore Chemicals and Fertilizers Company Ltd., situated at Belagola. This factory was started in 1936 with the State Government participating to the extent of 10 per cent in the equity capital. The management was with the State Government till the end of 1970.

The Company has remained a small unit. Also as it is situated very far from the coastal area, transport cost of the principal raw materials viz sulphur and rock phosphate is high ; therefore the cost of production was very high compared to the cost of production in other units. Since 1964, the Company has been losing continurously.

Several attempts were made to dispose of the Government holding in this Company so that a private entrepreneur could pump in more money and expand the unit. Finally a deal was struck with M/s. Mysore Chemical Manufacturers Ltd (a private limited company whose directors and associates owned 24 per cent interest in MCF) and the Government shares were sold to them at par. Even after Mysore Chemicals Manufacturers took over the management, the Company continued to lose and in fact losses become more Because of this the management was not able to raise enough working capital to run the Company. At one time the Company owed State Trading Corporation a sum of Rs. 28 00 lakhs towards purchase of raw materials and the State Bank of Mysore about Rs. 50.00 lakhs towards working capital loans and Karnataka Electricity Board about Rs 8.00 lakhs. As the Company was not able to discharge these liabilities, State Trading Corporasion has moved the High Court for liquidation.